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REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joe Berenato on 10/12/2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 1, line 10, insert - - immediately - -, before "adjacent".

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: independent claim 1 and the respective dependent claims are allowed because the instant invention requires a novel construction for a paper machine clothing. Specifically, the clothing is made up of two support plies that are only connected (binded) to each other by transverse binder yarns located in the area immediately adjacent to the seaming loops of the clothing. This construction provides enhanced seam stability and greatly improved anchoring of a fiber batt to the clothing.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Robert H. Muromoto, Jr. whose telephone number is 571-272-4991. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-530, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Calvert can be reached on 703-305-1025. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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